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Dear Ms Butler

On 5 November 2025 you asked me the following question in the House:

The Bass Highway is laden with potholes. On 22 October I stopped to assist a young apprentice baker stranded by the side of the Bass Highway, Deloraine, who hit a pothole on her way home from TAFE. Later that night, at an event in Longford, I learnt the keynote speaker cancelled, as she too had vehicle damage from a pothole. The Deloraine tow truck driver reported another three vehicles were towed that evening due to potholes on the Bass Highway. My constituents would like to know how many vehicles are being towed after sustaining damage from potholes on the section of the Bass Highway between Westbury and Devonport over the last two years. When are you finally going to fix the Bass Highway?

Thank you for the question on behalf of your constituents.

I am advised on 22 October 2025 our North West maintenance contractor received five emergency call outs for potholes on the Bass Highway between Devonport and Deloraine. Seven potholes were repaired on the same day.

Our most recent figures between 1 July and 5 November demonstrate strong performance by our maintenance contractors across Tasmania, including the Bass Highway, where 94 per cent of the identified potholes were repaired.

I am advised two claims for damage for incidents occurred on 22 October 2025. However the Department of State Growth does not have any information on the number of vehicles towed on the Bass Highway.

I trust this information will be helpful in answering your constituents' questions.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport